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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN ANC DENOUNCES VORSTER DETENTE

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1. SUMMARY: SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)
HELD PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 7 TO DISTRIBUTE DECLARATION
TO OAU DENOUNCING VORSTER DETENTE POLICY, CONDEMNING
AFRICAN COUNTRIES (BY IMPLICATION, ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA)
FOR COLLABORATING WITH IT, AND CALLING FOR A TOTAL
BREAK IN CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME AND
RECOGNITION OF SOUTH AFRICA AS A COLONIAL SITUATION.
ANC SPOKESMAN, ANSWERING QUESTIONS, REJECTED
SUGGESTIONS THAT ANC UNITE WITH RIVAL PAC, AND
SAID ANC HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED BY NYERERE OR
KAUNDA ABOUT THEIR POLICIES TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA.
END SUMMARY.

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2. SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) CALLED "PRELIMINARY" PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 7 TO GIVE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TEXT OF DECLARATION WHICH ANC IS TO PRESENT TO NINTH SPECIAL SESSION OF OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. DECLARATION WAS ISSUED BY AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE ANC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT MOROGORO, TANZANIA HELD MARCH 17-20. FRONT PAGE DOCUMENT MAKES FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL POINTS:

(A) "WORLD IMPERIALISM, LED BY THE U.S. A., TOGETHER WITH ITS SOUTH AFRICAN OUTPOST," HAS REACTED TO NEW SITUATION CREATED BY COLLAPSE OF PORTUGUESE IN AFRICA BY A "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY" MANEUVER INTENDED TO RE-SEIZE WHITE INITIATIVE AND FORESTALL IMMEDIATE DOOM OF WHITE MINORITY DOMINATION.

(B) THEREFORE, SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME HAS LAUNCHED MAJOR CAMPAIGN TO MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE THERE IS CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA, TO IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL IMAGE AND "SEEK TO HOODWINK THE WORLD INTO BELIEVING THAT IT IS A GENUINE FRIEND OF THE PEOPLES OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT," ALTHOUGH OPPRESSION OF AFRICANS IN FACT CONTINUES TO INCREASE. TACTICS INCLUDE ECONOMIC BRIBERY OF OTHER AFRICAN STATES AND EFFORTS TO LEGITIMIZE BANTUSTAN PROGRAM.

(C) MOREOVER, CONTRARY TO THEIR MORAL AND POLITICAL OBLIGATIONS, SOME OAU MEMBER STATES "HAVE JOINED IN A VERITABLE SCRAMBELE TO ESTABLISH AND CONSOLIDATE DIPLOMATIC, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE COLONIAL REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA". THUS THEY HAVE MAINTAINED CONTINUING CONTACT WITH BANTUSTAN LEADERS, "ARE SUBSTITUTING THEMSELVES FOR THE AUTHENTIC LEADERS OF OUR PEOPLE" IN SOLUTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM, AND ARE COOPERATING "TO RENDER IRRELEVANT AND DESTROY" ANC, THUS STRENGTHENING THE HAND OF "WORLD IMPERIALIST FORCES".

(D) THEREFORE, DECLARATION CONCLUDES, ANC CALLS ON OAU TO REAFFIRM ITS STAND THAT ANC IS AN AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE, ITS REJECTION OF BANTUSTAN PROGRAM AND ITS CALL FOR TOTAL ISOLATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME, AND ITS RECOGNITION OF LEGITIMACY OF ARMED STRUGGLE. FINALLY, OAU SHOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"DECLARE THE PRETORIA REGIME A PRODUCT OF COLONIAL CONQUEST" AND INCREASE EFFORTS TO EXPEL IT FROM UN.

3. ANC PUBLICITY DIRECTOR MADE BRIEF STATEMENT NOTING THAT ANC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SESSION ISSUING DECLARATION HAD INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL ANC UNITS AROUND THE WORLD, AS ANC ANSWER TO VORSTER "ONSLAUGHT" WAS NOW NEEDED. "DETENTE" NO DIFFERENT

FROM "DIALOGUE", WHICH ALREADY REJECTED BY OAU, AND
CONSTITUTES ATTEMPT BY VORSTER, ACTING IN ACCORDANCE
WITH KISSINGER MEMORANDUM, TO TRY TO DISARM LIBERA-
TION MOVEMENT AND DISRUPT AFRICAN UNITY. ACTING
PRESIDENT-GENERAL OF ANC, OLIVER TAMBO, WILL ADDRESS
OAU AS SECOND SPEAKER (AFTER ETAKI) ON APRIL 8, AND
WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY ON REAL MEANING OF DETENTE, AND
ON ANC REACTION TO ZAMBIAN CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

4. IN QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WHICH FOLLOWED, PUB-
LICITY DIRECTOR MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) ANC HAS HAD NO COMMUNICATION WITH NYERERE OR
KAUNDA ON THEIR CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND HAS NOT
BEEN CONSULTED ON SOUTH AFRICAN POLICY.

(B) DESPITE OAU URGING, ANC HAS NOT AND WILL NOT
MAKE ANY EFFORT TO UNITE WITH PAN-AFRICANIST CONGRESS
(PAC), BECAUSE ANC EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION IS ONLY THE
SPOKESMAN FOR THE INTERNAL ORGANIZATION BASED ON THE
PEOPLE, AND ANY UNITY MUST COME ABOUT INSIDE SOUTH
AFRICA AND ON THE BASIS OF THE INTERNAL ORGANIZATION'S
DEMOCRATIC DECISION. ANC HAD GIVEN OAU LONG MEMORANDUM
ON THIS AT FEBRUARY'S ADDIS ABABA MEETING. HE NOTED
THAT PAC HAD BEEN FOUNDED BY ANC DISSIDENTS.

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(C) ANC HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN ENGAGED IN SLOW, DIFFICULT JOB OF REORGANIZING INSIDE SOUTH AFRICA FOLLOWING MASS ARRESTS OF ITS LEADERSHIP, BUT THIS IS NOW MATURING, AND ANC GOING ON TO NEXT TASK OF MOBILIZING PEOPLE FOR ARMED STRUGGLE. FOR SECURITY REASONS, IT CANNOT PUBLICIZE ITS ACTIVITIES.

(D) ANC HAD PROPOSED DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME THREE TIMES, IN 1952, 1957 AND 1961, AND HAD ALWAYS BEEN REBUFFED, SO IT DOES NOT THINK THAT DIALOGUE "IS IN THE CARDS". VORSTER HAS SAID DETENTE DOES NOT MEAN END OF APARTHEID OR SHARING OF POWER; ANC, IN ANY CASE, NOW REJECTS SHARING OF POWER -- "WE WANT TO SEIZE POWER" -- AND WILL ONLY PARTICIPATE IN DIALOGUE TO THIS END.

(E) SPOKESMAN DENOUNCED INCREASED EUROPEAN TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA, NOTABLY FROM WEST GERMANY, WHICH HE SAID WAS NOW PRINCIPAL FOREIGN INVESTOR, TOPPING UNITED KINGDOM, IN COUNTRY, AS WELL AS BEING ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRY TO MAINTAIN CONSULATE IN NAMIBIA.

5. ALSO DISTRIBUTED AT PRESS CONFERENCE WERE BACKGROUND PAPERS ON RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ON THE BANTUSTAN PROGRAM, AND AN APPEAL BY ANC'S WOMEN'S DIVISION.

6. COMMENT: THRUST OF ANC DECLARATION AND OF PUBLICITY DIRECTOR'S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS IS ANC EFFORT TO BLOC BOTH VORSTER'S "DETENTE" POLICIES AND WILLINGNESS OF SOME OAU MEMBERS (NOTABLY ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, AND BOTSWANA) TO DO BUSINESS WITH HIM IN EFFORT RESOLVE RHODESIAN AND NAMIBIAN QUESTIONS. THEY ALSO SEEK TO COUNTER LUSAKA DECLARATION AND RECOGNITION THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT A COLONIAL SITUATION AND IS THEREFORE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE IN WHICH OAU LIBERATION ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED. THESE EFFORTS NOT LIKELY TO BE AIDED BY ADAMANT REFUSAL OF ANC TO CONSIDER UNIFICATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

7. CONFERENCE WAS WELL ATTENDED BY PRESS FROM BOTH EAST AND WEST AND SOME DIPLOMATS, AND HELD IN SMALL ROOM IN ANC'S DAR ES SALAAM OFFICES NOTABLE FOR AN

EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF WORKS OF MARX, ENGELS AND
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